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Police Hunt C For Beckham

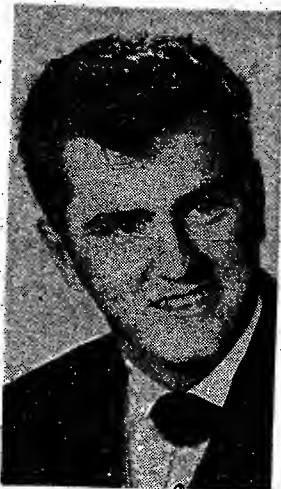
A warrant was issued Monday charging T. Edward Beckham, a figure in the Garrison investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination, with running a mail-order diploma school without a license.

Mr. Beckham, 27, of 5314 North Forty-eighth Street, had not been arrested by noon, police said.

Deputy County Attorney J. William Gallup said Mr. Beckham allegedly operates a "school" from which doctor of philosophy and other degrees can be obtained for 150 dollars to three hundred dollars.

Mr. Gallup said the school, called the American Academy of Professional Arts, Inc., advertises a "first-rate education."

Mr. Gallup said that the potential student sent his fees to the



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"school" and received a course of study and a diploma simultaneously.

He said that no examinations are required to complete many of the courses.

Mr. Beckham testified before a grand jury last March about his relationship with the late David Ferrie, an accused conspirator in an alleged plot to assassinate the President.

Mr. Beckham said he came to Omaha in 1965.

In 1968, Mr. Beckham filed as a Republican candidate for Congress against incumbent Glenn Cunningham. Mr. Beckham was defeated in the May primary.

Mr. Beckham, who works as a county-western singer, said he is a bishop in the Universal Life Church.

He said he received his "bachelor of theology" and two other degrees from Faith Bible College and Theological Seminary of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Fort Lauderdale officials told The World-Herald last December that a mail-order school by that name once operated there, was investigated by the city's Ministerial Association and is closed.